



CUBA TRAIL # 477 → 3.25 MILES ONE WAY

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

SEASON OF USE: Summer through fall

ELEVATION GAIN: Trailhead is at 10,880', and the trail ends on the Continental Divide at 12,900'.

USGS MAPS: Pole Creek Mountain, Redcloud Peak and Howardsville.

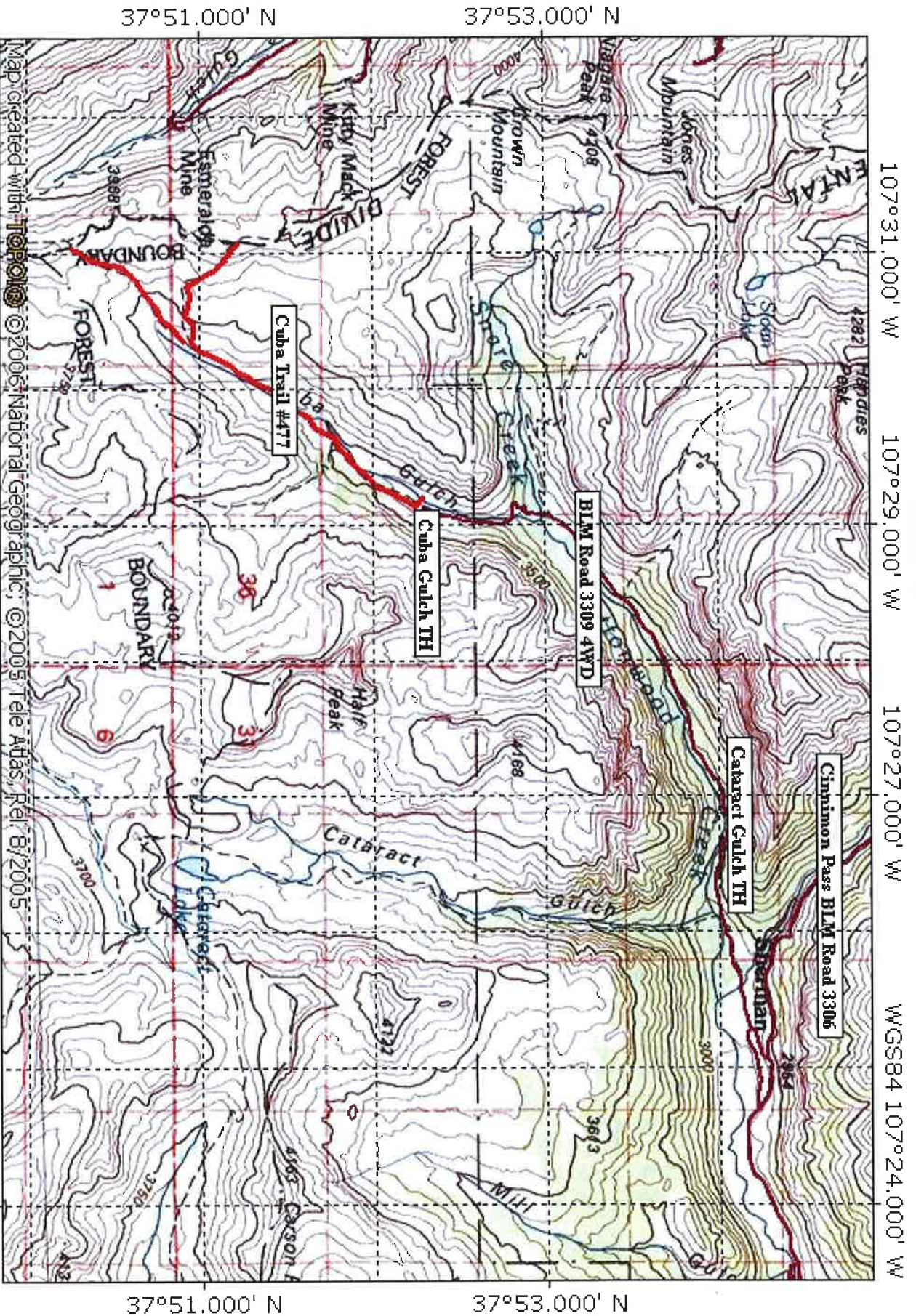
ACCESS: From Lake City, take Highway 149 south 2 miles and turn right on the Cinnamon Pass Road toward Lake San Cristobal. Continue on the Cinnamon Pass Road to the Sherman town site fork. Take the left fork, towards the historic town of Sherman, and travel 1.4 miles to the Cataract Gulch trailhead. Park your 2WD vehicle and walk or drive a 4WD vehicle about 3.2 miles further to the Cuba Gulch trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS: Parking and camping are available at both the Cataract Gulch and Cuba Gulch trailhead. With a gentle grade, and only a few steep spots, the trail offers some beautiful scenery. Spectacular views of narrow canyons and waterfalls can be seen along the trail. A small herd of Bighorn sheep can be seen occasionally along the cliffs to the north.

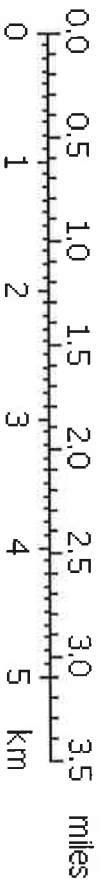
CONSIDERATIONS: Approximately 2 miles into the hike, you run into a thicket where the trail disappears. Head toward the creek to the right, the trail reappears by the creek. The trail disappears again 1/8 to 1/4 of a mile up the creek. At this point you may wish to cross the creek and choose your own path up the tundra to the Continental Divide. The trail is open to foot or horse traffic only, but horse travel is not recommended because of steep drop offs. Practice Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thundershowers and lightning. Be sure to wear sunscreen and bring plenty of drinking water. Do not drink water from mountain streams and lakes without treating it first. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.



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